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WICHITA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM UNDER PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Anthony L. Magdaleno**, 23, Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced on January 12, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Monti L. Belot **to fifteen years and eight months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Magdaleno entered a guilty plea on October 22, 2003, to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Melgren stated that Magdaleno admitted as his plea that on April 26, 2003, he was stopped by Wichita Police Department officers as he pulled into a parking lot on North Maize Road. Magdaleno also admitted that when he exited the car, law enforcement officers saw a revolver on the floor of the car, partially concealed, under the driver's seat. Magdaleno further admitted that in September 1999 he was convicted of aggravated indecent liberties, burglary, theft and two counts of aggravated battery in Sedgwick County District Court.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Wichita Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster in this prosecution.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a national strategy to reduce gun violence throughout America and a top priority of the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's office in the District of Kansas, second only to the fight against terrorism.